

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1.-4. (Cancelled).
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14 comprising communicating [[a]] bill information based on the usage.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5 wherein the bill information is communicated to the user by the Internet.
7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14 comprising providing the portable power source to the user without a purchase fee.
8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14 comprising providing the portable power source in the device to a user without a purchase fee for the portable power source and the device.
9. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the device is a communication device.
- 10.-12. (Cancelled).
13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14 wherein the portable power source usage information is based on recharge cycles.
14. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:
  - providing a portable power source to a user who uses the portable power source in a hand-portable consumer device;
  - determining the usage of the portable power source, and/or the terms of providing the portable power source; and
  - determining a fee based on the usage and/or the terms.
15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14 comprising:
  - communicating the usage information and/or terms to an external monitor.
16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15 comprising:
  - transmitting the usage information and/or terms over the Internet.
- 17 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14 comprising:

recording the usage and/or terms in a module attached to the portable power source, or a recharger for recharging the portable power source.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14 comprising:  
providing a plurality of vending stations that dispense and/or recharge said portable power source, where the fee for replacement or recharging is based on the usage and/or said terms.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14 comprising:  
providing a rechargeable portable power source.

20. The method of claim 14 comprising:  
providing a single-use portable power source.

21.-43. (Cancelled).

44. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the device is a telephone.

45.-49. (Cancelled).

50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the battery is provided to the user with the device.

51. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the portable power source is a battery.

52. (Currently Amended) The method of claim[[s]] 44, ~~45, 46, or 47~~, wherein the portable power source is a battery.

53. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 51, wherein the battery is rechargeable.